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SUBJECT: NO TRUTH IN REPORT OF TURKISH ORDERS FOR
BRITISH ARMS

1. FCO SOUTH EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT HEAD GOODISON TOLD US
JUNE 2 THERE WAS NO TRUTH IN PRESS STORIES APPEARING
OVER WEEKEND HERE WHICH ALLEGE THAT TURKS HAVE PLACED
ORDERS AMOUNTING TO 100 MILLION POUNDS STERLING FOR
JAGUAR AIRCRAFT AND RAPIER SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES.

2. GOODISON SAID TURKS ARE INTERESTED IN BUYING NEW AIR-
CRAFT, BUT THERE ARE OTHER COMPETITORS TO BRITISH.
BRITISH AIRCRAFT CORPORATION HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO TALK
TO TURKS ABOUT POSSIBLE SALES, THOUGH HMG HAS MADE NO
REPEAT NO COMMITMENT TO APPROVE THEM. HE SUSPECTED
PRESS STORIES RESULT FROM OVEREAGER PRESS INTERPRETA-
TIONS OF OVEROPTIMISTIC BRITISH SALESMEN'S ACCOUNTS OF
POSSIBLE DEALS. TO HIS KNOWLEDGE THERE ARE NO FIRM
ORDERS FOR BRITISH AIRCRAFT.

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3. GOODISON DISMISSED AS NONSENSE THE TALK OF SURFACE-

TO-AIR MISSILES. HE WAS NOT AWARE THAT TURKEY WAS
SEEKING THEM ANYWHERE.

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